

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Easter Sunday

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Happy Easter, everyone.
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
Alleluia!

Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

 <p>Sunday, 12th April Easter Sunday</p>	<p><i>UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION.</i></p>	<p>10.00 am Mary Veronica McGovern (Anniversary)</p>
<p>Monday, 13th April <i>Monday within the Easter Octave</i></p>		<p>The People of the Parish</p>
<p>Tuesday, 14th April <i>Tuesday within the Easter Octave</i></p>		<p>Josephine Kilkerr</p>
<p>Wednesday, 15th April <i>Wednesday within the Easter Octave</i></p>		<p>Special Intention</p>
<p>Thursday, 16th April <i>Thursday within the Easter Octave</i></p>		<p>Abie Doherty</p>
<p>Friday, 17th April <i>Friday within the Easter Octave</i></p>		<p>Anne Healy</p>
<p>Saturday, 18th April <i>Saturday within the Easter Octave</i></p>		<p>Anne Connor</p>
<p>Sunday, 19th April Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday</p>		<p>10.00 am Julia Timmons RIP</p>



The Easter Season

The Easter Season begins today, Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they “are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday.” The first eight days make up the Easter Octave and they are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord – that is, feast days of the most importance. The joyful sound of “Alleluia!” is heard many times throughout this season and we add two “Alleluia’s” at the dismissal of the Mass during the Octave.

Livestreaming of Mass. So far I have been trying and failing to broadcast Mass from St. Joseph's. This has not bothered me too much to be honest, because I know that there is excellent coverage of Mass from other churches, including Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard in St. Chad's Cathedral, and even Mass celebrated by the Pope in St. Peter's. How am I to compete with that?! But I am hoping that for today, Easter Sunday, if you wish you will be able to follow the Mass from St. Joseph's, starting at 10.00 am. For details of how to see it, please go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) and look for the section on "Coronavirus". I am very grateful to Bernardo for making this possible.

Divine Mercy Sunday. Throughout this week we are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. According to the diary of St. Faustina, Jesus said: *"...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy".* (Diary 699).

Cycle of Prayer. During Easter we are asked to pray for the following intentions: new members of the Church; Vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.

"A Retreat in Daily Life": during Week 5 of the summer term there will be the chance to do a retreat which fits around your work commitments. With the stress of term 3, this is a great opportunity to take time out, relax, reflect and pray under the guidance of a trained spiritual director. **I highly recommend it.** Arrangements have been made to do this on line, so now you don't even have to leave your home to come to the Chaplaincy.

Tailpiece: It was the day of the Resurrection, and the disciples were scattered all around Jerusalem. John searched high and low for Peter and finally found him still hanging out in the upper room. "Peter, Peter!" he said, excitedly. "I have good news and bad news. Which would you rather hear first?" "By all means give me the good news. We've had enough bad news lately," Peter said. "The good news is that Jesus has risen from the dead," John said. "That's great!" said Peter. "So what's the bad news?" John, looked around anxiously and said, "Well, He's really steamed about last Friday."

Have a very happy and blessed Easter.
May God bless you and all those whom you love
and keep you safe.
Fr. Harry



Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.